

## **SESSION 00-01 OF ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES**

### **SUMMARY RECORD**

The Council, represented by its Alternate Representatives, met via conference call on 7 January 2000. Mr. William Nitze (United States) chaired the meeting. Ms. Christine Guay and Mr. José Luis Samaniego represented Canada and Mexico respectively. Ms. Regina Barba, Chair of JPAC, represented JPAC and Ms. Janine Ferretti, Executive Director, the Secretariat. Mr. Marc Paquin, Secretary to Council, acted as secretary of the session. Other officials of the Parties and the Secretariat also participated in the call.

#### **Item 1 Adoption of the agenda**

The Alternate Representatives adopted the agenda for the session at the beginning of the session based on the provisional agenda. The agenda as approved can be found in Annex A.

#### **Item 2 Notes from the Executive Director**

In the interest of time the Executive Director did not present any report to the Alternate Representatives.

#### **Item 3 Report by the JPAC Representative**

The Alternate Representatives welcomed Ms. Regina Barba, the newly elected Chair of JPAC for 2000. In her report, Ms. Barba reported on the recent nomination of Dr. Ernesto Enkerlin, Executive Director of Pronatura Noreste from Monterrey, as a Mexican member of the JPAC. She expressed hope that a Canadian and an American member would be nominated soon to complete the membership of the Committee.

Ms. Barba indicated that the next JPAC Regular Session will take place in Guadalajara, Mexico on 23-24 March, following a workshop with representatives of indigenous communities organized by the Conservation of Biodiversity Program, that will be attended by the JPAC working group on indigenous people.

#### **Item 4 Review and Approval of 2000-2002 Program Plan and 2000 Program and Budget**

The Alternate Representatives approved most of the outstanding projects of the 2000 Program-Plan as detailed in the attached aide-mémoire. A limited number of outstanding issues will require further discussion among the Alternate Representatives.

#### **Item 5 2000 Regular Session of the Council**

Discussion on this item was postponed to the next session.

**Item 6 Approval of 1998 Annual Report**

The Alternate Representatives approved the 1998 Annual Report and its publication.

**Item 7 NAAEC Articles 14 and 15**

Discussion on this item was postponed to the next session.

**Item 8 Other issues**

The Alternate Representatives agreed that the implementation of the work program be reviewed on a regular basis during their sessions.

**Item 9 Next sessions of Alternate Representatives**

The Alternate Representatives agreed to meet again in two weeks via conference call, in order to approve the outstanding activities of the 2000 Program and Budget and discuss the date and venue of the 2000 Regular Session of the Council. The next face to face session is scheduled to take place in Montreal on 10-11 February 2000.

**Item 10 Closure of the session**

The Chair closed the session.

Prepared by Marc Paquin  
Council Secretary

**SESSION 00-01 OF ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES  
PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

To be held via conference call on Friday, 7 January 2000 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM, Eastern Time  
(1:00 to 4:00 PM, Mexico time)

- Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda
- Item 2 Report by the Executive Director
- Item 3 Report by the Chair of JPAC
- Item 4 Approval of outstanding activities of the 2000-2002 Program Plan
- Item 5 2000 Regular Session of the Council
- Item 6 Approval of 1998 Annual Report
- Item 7 NAAEC Articles 14 and 15
- Item 8 Other issues
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**SESSION 00-01 OF ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES  
ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**Item 1 Adoption of the agenda**

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (R. 9.6), the Council shall adopt the agenda for the session at the beginning of the session based on the provisional agenda. The Alternate Representatives are expected to adopt the agenda for the session.

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Draft annotated agenda (distributed 06-01-00) C/C.01/00-01/AGEN/01/Rev.1

**Item 2 Report by the Executive Director**

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (R. 5.3), the Executive Director may make oral and written statements to the Council. The Executive Director will report on Secretariat activities, including on the status of Article 14 submissions, and highlight matters requesting the attention of the Council.

DOCUMENTS: No documents

**Item 3 Report by the Chair of JPAC**

Under this item the JPAC Chair will provide an update to the Alternate Representatives on JPAC activities.

DOCUMENTS: No document

**Item 4 Approval of outstanding activities of the 2000-2002 Program Plan**

The Alternate Representatives are expected to review and approve the outstanding projects of the 2000 Program-Plan.

**Item 4.1 Sound Management of Chemicals (00.03.04):**

DOCUMENT(S):

- a) Revised project description (distributed 22-12-99)

**Item 4.2 North American Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (00.03.05)**

DOCUMENT(S):

- a) Revision 4 of project description 20 December 1999 (distributed 21-12-99)  
b) Comments proposed by Canada (distributed 22-12-99)

**Item 4.3 Children's Health and the Environment**

The Secretariat will update the Parties on the current development status relating to this special project.

DOCUMENT(S): No document

#### **Item 4.4 Other projects**

The projects listed under this item were approved by the Alternate Representatives at Session 99-12, subject to minor redrafting. Pursuant to that session, the Secretariat integrated the agreed upon changes in project descriptions. On 6 January 2000 the GSC cleared these projects in principle, pending final internal consultations. The Alternate Representatives are expected to approve the following projects as revised, unless internal consultations raised new concerns.

DOCUMENT(S):

a) Aide-mémoire relating to item 4 of Session 99-12 of Alternate Representatives (distributed 20-12-99)

##### **00.01.04 Facilitating Trade in Green Goods and Services: Promoting Sustainable Agricultural Production**

DOCUMENT(S):

a) Revised project description as distributed by Canada on 22-12-99

##### **00.01.05 Facilitating Conservation of Biodiversity as it relates to Trade in Wildlife Species**

DOCUMENT(S):

a) Revised project description as distributed by the Secretariat on 05-01-00

##### **00.01.06 Sustainable Tourism in Natural Areas**

DOCUMENT(S):

a) Revised project description as distributed by Canada on 22-12-99

##### **00.02.03 Cooperation on the Protection of Marine Ecosystems of North America**

United States reserves on budget level.

DOCUMENT(S):

a) Revised project description as distributed by the Secretariat on 21-12-99

##### **00.03.01 Facilitating Trilateral Coordination in Air Quality Management**

Mexico reserves on budget level.

DOCUMENT(S):

- a) Revised project description as distributed on 1-12-99

**Item 5 2000 Regular Session of the Council**

The United States is expected to propose a date and venue for the 2000 Regular Session of the Council. Considering the need to provide the public with adequate advance notice, it is important that the date of the next Council session be established without further delays.

**Item 6 Approval of 1998 Annual Report**

In accordance with Article 12 of NAAEC, the Secretariat provided the Parties with a copy of the draft annual report of the CEC for the year 1998 on 19 November 1999. The Alternate Representatives are expected to approve the release of the report to the public.

DOCUMENTS:

- a) 1998 Annual Report (handed on 19-11-99, at Session 99-11)

**Item 7 NAAEC Articles 14 and 15**

**Item 7.1 Submission no. 97-006: Friends of the Oldman River**

On 19 July 1999, the Secretariat informed the Council that it considered that the submission filed by the Friends of the Oldman River (SEM 97-006) relating to Canada's enforcement practices warranted the development of a factual record. As provided by Article 15(2) of the NAAEC, the Council is expected to decide, by a two-thirds vote, whether or not to instruct the Secretariat to prepare a factual record on the matter.

Canada may wish to update the Parties and the Secretariat on the developments relating to the case before the Federal Court of Canada linked to the factual matters of the submission.

DOCUMENTS:

- a) Secretariat's Article 15 determination dated 19 July 1999
- b) Draft Council Resolution (to be drafted by Canada)

**Item 8 Other issues**

At the time of writing the Secretariat had no issue to propose under this item.

**Item 9 Next sessions of Alternate Representatives**

In accordance with the proposed schedule of sessions for the year 2000, the next session of Alternate Representatives will be held in Montreal on 10-11 February 2000. Part of the morning of 10 February may be devoted to a joint meeting with the Enforcement Working Group.

Bearing in mind the CEC's efforts to reduce costs, the Alternate Representatives are invited to assess interpretation requirements for the February meeting and to advise whether interpretation in one or two languages may be waived for that meeting.

**DOCUMENTS:**

- a) Proposed schedule of sessions of Alternate Representatives for 2000 (distributed 25-11-99)

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**Item 10 Closure of the session**

The Chairperson is expected to close the session.